--- Series “A” - [1926] - 5 Cigarettes - 23 x 41 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

Series “A” does not represent a general reworking of the cigarette stamp design, but rather *fills and completes* the “Series of 1915”, by adding *new* five, fifteen and eighteen denominations to the small stamps. The only *small denomination* re-engraved was the Series “A” twenty cigarette stamp, which replaced the “Series of 1915”. I would suppose that by 1926 CBN wanted a more *up-to-date* designation for their cigarette series.

Series “A” contains the *tall format* cigarette stamps for the first time - in the denominations of eighteen, twenty, twenty-one and twenty-five cigarettes. These were intended for use on the thicker *American* style soft shirt pocket package. The *tall format* Series “A” twenty cigarette, replaced **RC-258** - the *provisional* “Series of 1915” with the 7 mm white tabs.

There was no Series “B” stamps for cigarettes or cigars (unlike the small “P” strips, where the Series “B” filled and completed CBN’s Series “A”).

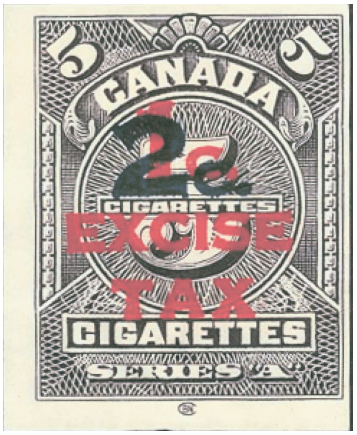
★**RC-284** - 5 cigarettes, perf 12, roller cancelled **1-10-D / 12-32**, by “Macdonald Tobacco” in December 1932

★**RC-287** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, mimeographed **1-10-D / 7-33** by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1933

--- Series “A” - [1926] - 5 Cigarettes - 23 x 41 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- re-surcharged for March 1943 with 2c. in dark blue on RC-287 surcharged 1c. EXCISE / TAX for June 1942 ---

Obviously the 1942 *unlisted* surcharge **1c. / EXCISE / TAX** on the imperforate five cigarette Series “A” stamp was made for the Second Wartime Budget of June 1942.



RC-365 - 2c. over **1c. / EXCISE / TAX** on five cigarettes - the imperforate Series “A” stamp
[***from the collection of Fritz Angst***]

--- 5 cigarette transfer rolls and plates ---

[these paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan]

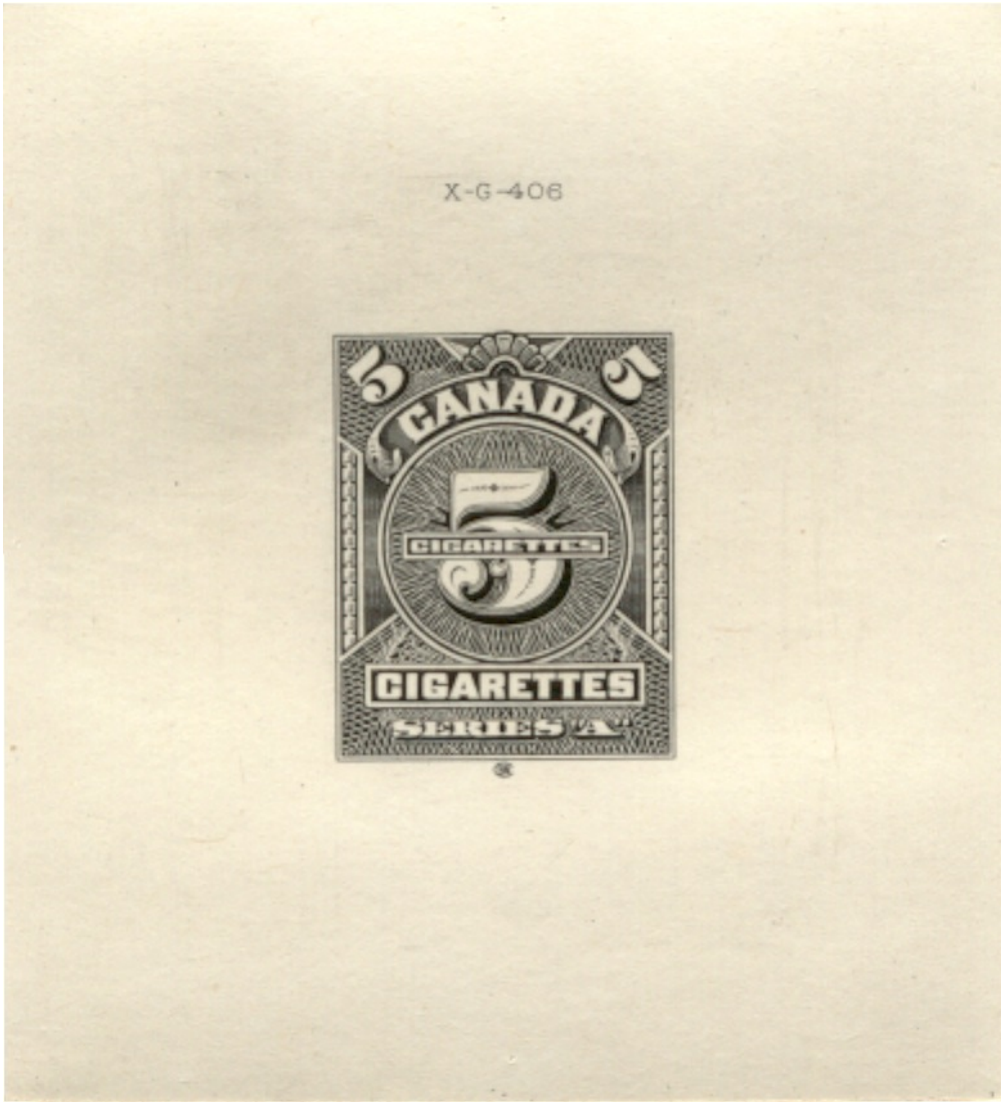
In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the CBN cigarette rolls, No. 982-XG and No. 983-XG, for 5 cigarette the Series “A” stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and No. 2, for the 5 cigarette Series “A” stamp. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal. These 260 impression plates were probably arranged - 2 by 13 x 10 stamps - JBH

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die XG-406 for the Series “A” five cigarette stamp.

--- 5 Cigarettes - Series “A” - the large die proof [X-G-406] - 23 x 29 mm. ---

--- scanned at 200% scale ---



★**RC-287 DP** - 5 cigarettes, the central portion of the large (6” x 9”) black die proof [X-G-406]

--- the Canadian Bank Note Company monogram - [scanned at 600% scale] ---

--- Series “A” - [1926] - 5 Cigarettes - Imperial Tobacco - perf 12 - 23 x 41 mm. ---

--- the cancellation reads vertically down - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-284** - 5 cigarettes, perf 12, coded **6-10-D / AA3**, by “Imperial Tobacco” in January 1933

[★RC-284]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1932	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CD2
1933	AA3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically up - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-284** - 5 cigarettes, perf 12, coded **6-10-D / AA3**, by “Imperial Tobacco” in January 1933

[★RC-284]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	AA3	---	---	AB3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1934	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

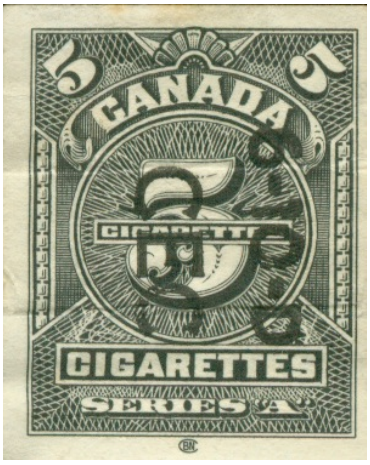
--- Series “A” - [1926] - 5 Cigarettes - Imperial Tobacco - imperf - 23 x 41 mm. ---

--- the cancellation reads vertically down - 7 copies to date ---

★**RC-287** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / AD3** by “Imperial Tobacco” in October 1933

[★RC-287]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	AD3	---	---
1934	---	BA4	CA4	AB4	---	CB4	AC4	BC4	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically down - 4 copies to date ---



★**RC-287** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / CEC** by “Imperial Tobacco” in September 1934

[★RC-287]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1934	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CEC	---	---	CED
1935	AFA	---	---	---	---	CFB	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- Series “A” - [1926] - 5 Cigarettes - Macdonald Tobacco - 23 x 41 mm. ---

These stamps are roller cancelled with a heavy 4 mm. purple Gothic - e.g. **1-10-D / 12-32**. They were obtained under the Budget of 1923 which set the *excise duty* at $ 6.00 per 1000 small cigarettes. These Macdonald mimeographed cancellations are often difficult to decipher, and are read more easily on the obverse side by using the bathroom mirror.

--- the mimeograph reads vertically down - 4 copies to date ---

★**RC-284** - 5 cigarettes, perf 12, roller cancelled **1-10-D / 12-32**, by “Macdonald Tobacco” in December 1932

[★RC-284]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1932	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**12-32**
1933	**1-33**	**2-33**	---	**4-33**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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--- the mimeograph reads vertically down - 12 copies to date ---

The following come from the Budget of 1932, which reduced the *excise duty* to $ 4.00 per 1000 small cigarettes, and are sheet *mimeographed* by Gestetner with a lighter 3 mm. purple Gothic - e.g. 1-10D / 4-33.

★**RC-287** - 5 cigarettes, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D / 7-33** by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1933

[★RC-287]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	---	---	---	---	---	---	**7-33**	---	---	---	**11-33**	**12-33**
1934	**1-34**	**2-34**	---	**4-34**	**5-34**	**6-34**	**7-34**	---	---	**10-34**	**11-34**	---
1935	**1-35**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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